(b) whether Rajasthan Government has certified the utilisation of this amount in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Central assistance for State Annual Plans is released by the Ministry of Finance in the shape of Block Loans and Block Grants. Besides, transfers/grants recommended by Finance Commissions are also released to the States. The details for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in respect of Rajasthan are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Items	Released during 1999-2000	Released during 2000-01 so far
1	Plan		
0	Block Loans	805.77	596.97
ti)	Block Grants	345.66	413.29
2	Share in Central taxes	2184.82	2640.41
3	Non-Plan		
0	Rev. Def. Grant	0.00	811.97
ii)	Grants in lieu of Railway passenger fare tax	16.89	0.00
in)	Upgradation & Spl. Problem Grant	41.27	6527
iv)	Local Bodies Grant	76.91	59.03
v)	Centre's share of CRF	15525	196.00
vi)	Grants from NFCR/NCCF	102.93	85.00
vH)	Small Savings Loan	170534	2203.82

(b) State Governments are accountable to their respective legislatures for appropriations of expenditure and their accounts are audited by the C&AG

Recovery suits in respect of defaulting creditors

2648. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks are not filing recovery suits against the defaulting creditors; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASHAEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in import dirty on crude palonotcin oil

2649. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the import duty on crude palmolein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the import of crude palmolein has increased in last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1 st March, 2001, the import duty on crude palmolein, of edible grade imported in loose or bulk form, has been increased from 55% to 75%. However, crude palmolein imported by sick units for the manufacture of vanaspati attracts duty of 55%.

(c) to (e) A separate six-digit tariff heading for crude palmolein does not exist in the Customs Tariff. Accordingly, revenue figures exclusively for import of the commodity are not available for the last five years.

Impact of privatisation on economy

2650. SHRI RUMANDLARAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatisation impact on the ongoing process of Government's role from the controller to a contributor under the changed economic world had made any impact on economy;